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1 ~~Sub 1~~ 1. A method for providing an electronic document having at least one
 2 version identified by a time-stamp, said method comprising the steps of:
 3 receiving a request for said electronic document, said request including a
 4 time-stamp;
 5 identifying as a function of said time-stamp a machine storing said
 6 electronic document for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and
 7 transmitting said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp
 8 from said identified machine.

1 ~~Sub 2~~ 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein an address identifying said
 2 electronic document includes said time-stamp.

1 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein said address is a Uniform
 2 Resource Locator ("URL").

1 ~~Sub 3~~ 4. The method according to claim 3, wherein said Uniform Resource
 2 Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said time stamp.

1 5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of
 2 transmitting the version of said electronic document with the most recent time-stamp
 3 preceding the requested time-stamp if a version of said electronic document does not
 4 exist with the requested time-stamp.

1 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said request is specified
 2 using a browser.

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11 transmit said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp from
12 said identified machine.

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1 12. The system according to claim 8, wherein said request is specified
2 using a browser.

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1 13. The system according to claim 8, wherein said processor is further
2 configured to transmit the version of said electronic document with the most recent time-
3 stamp preceding the requested time-stamp if a version of said electronic document does
4 not exist with the requested time-stamp.

1 14. The system according to claim 8, wherein said time-stamp is a relative
2 time-stamp.

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1 15. An article of manufacture for accessing an electronic document, said
2 article of manufacture comprising:

3 a computer readable medium having computer readable program code
4 means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising
5 program code means for causing a computer to:

6 receive a request for said electronic document, said request including a
7 time-stamp;

8 identify as a function of said time-stamp a machine storing said electronic
9 document for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and

10 transmit said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp from
11 said identified machine.

1 16. A method for resolving a domain name, said method comprising the
2 steps of:

3 receiving a request for an electronic document associated with said domain
4 name, said request including a time-stamp;

5 identifying as a function of said time-stamp a machine corresponding to
6 said domain name for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and

7 transmitting an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic
8 document corresponding to said time-stamp.

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1 ~~Sub C10/~~ 17. The method according to claim 16, wherein an address identifying said
2 electronic document includes said time-stamp.

1 18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said address is a Uniform
2 Resource Locator ("URL").

1 ~~Sub C11/~~ 19. The method according to claim 18, wherein said Uniform Resource
2 Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said time stamp.

1 20. The method according to claim 16, wherein said request is specified
2 using a browser.

1 ~~Sub C12/~~ 21. The method according to claim 16, wherein said time-stamp is a
2 relative time-stamp.

1 ~~Sub A41/~~ 22. A system for resolving a domain name, said system comprising:
2 a memory for storing a database identifying a machine storing an
3 electronic document corresponding to said domain name for a plurality of time periods;
4 and
5 a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured
6 to:
7 receive a request for an electronic document associated with said domain
8 name, said request including a time-stamp;
9 access said database as a function of said time-stamp to identify a machine
10 corresponding to said domain name for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp;
11 and
12 transmit an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic
13 document corresponding to said time-stamp.

1 *Sub C14* 23. The system according to claim 22, wherein an address identifying said
2 electronic document includes said time-stamp.

1 24. The system according to claim 23, wherein said address is a Uniform
2 Resource Locator ("URL").

1 *Sub C15* 25. The system according to claim 24, wherein said Uniform Resource
2 Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said time stamp.

1 26. The system according to claim 22, wherein said request is specified
2 using a browser.

1 *Sub C16* 27. The system according to claim 22, wherein said time-stamp is a
2 relative time-stamp.

1 *Sub A5* 28. An article of manufacture for resolving a domain name, said article of
2 manufacture comprising:
3 a computer readable medium having computer readable program code
4 means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising
5 program code means for causing a computer to:
6 receive a request for an electronic document associated with said domain
7 name, said request including a time-stamp;
8 identify as a function of said time-stamp a machine corresponding to said
9 domain name for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and
10 transmit an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic
11 document corresponding to said time-stamp.